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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, SR Division

SUBJECT : [redacted] Los Angeles, California, Legal
Traveler to Soviet Union

1. [redacted] for the Office of Operations, advised me last week that OO/C has been in touch with [redacted]

2. I am told that [redacted] is something of a lay expert on the Soviet judicial system, and the announced purpose of his trip is to study recent developments in this area. While in Russia, I am told that he plans to seek an interview with Nikita Khrushchev, and during that interview plans to make a request to be permitted to have a personal interview with Francis Powers in prison in Vladimir.

3. I do not believe that anyone has an optimistic view of [redacted] chances of seeing Powers, but on the outside possibility that Nikita might find this useful in order to demonstrate the prisoner's "good condition", etc., I believe we may well consider [redacted] Would you please give me your offhand reaction to this suggestion at your earliest convenience.

SIGNED

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